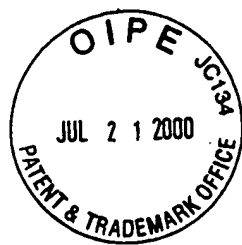


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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed June 20, 2000, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 48-57 are pending in this application and stand rejected on the grounds of double patenting. Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer which disclaims any term which has been beyond the normal expiration of either U.S. Patent No. 6,039,749 or U.S. Patent

No. 5,443,477, both owned by the present Assignee Teramed, Inc. by virtue of an assignment to Endovascular Systems, Inc., which has since changed its name to Teramed, Inc.

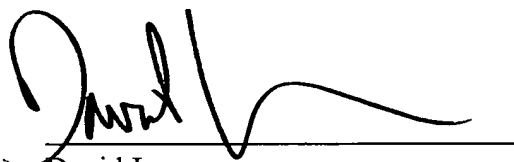
Submitted herewith is an Assignment Recordal Cover Sheet which documents this change in the name of the Assignee, as well as change of address.

Also submitted herewith are formal drawings to place the Application in condition for grant.

A prompt and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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